

## **ABSTRACT**

The invention relates to the combined use of conjugates of CD44 specific antibodies with cytotoxic compounds and chemotherapeutic agents in cancer therapy, pharmaceutical compositions comprising such compounds and/or chemotherapeutic agents, and methods of cancer treatment. Preferred conjugates contain maytansinoids as cytotoxic compounds, and preferred chemotherapeutic agents are taxanes, epothilones, and vinca alkaloids.